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Sir:

The first issue is the Continuity Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. §120 which issue was raised in the Patent Office communication dated February 28, 2003. It was stated that there is no claim to cross-referenced applications. It is respectfully pointed out that by a Preliminary Amendment filed March 28, 2002, a substitute specification was provided which had on page two of the specification the requested cross-referenced applications. It is stated therein "This application claims priority of International Application No. PCT/US00/17509, filed June 22, 2000. This application also claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/140,913 filed June 24, 1999 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/213,068 filed June 21, 2000." In view of this preliminary amendment, this issue has been previously taken care of.

Respectfully submitted,

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A claim for priority cannot be made based on an application filed after the application making the claim.
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This application is the result of a conversion from a provisional application. Priority based on such application cannot be made since it no longer exists as a provisiona I application.
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